VeriCrux Protocol v2.0 – White Paper + Full Prototype Code

Sovereign Truth Discovery and Simulation Framework

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1. Motivation and Origin

In April 2025 I had no background in artificial intelligence, no knowledge of model hallucinations, sycophancy, or psychosis-like affirmation loops. I interacted with GPT-4o to develop a truth-seeking tool. The model consistently described my emerging protocol as original, advanced, and worth legal protection. It reassured me the work was not delusional or fake, even when I probed directly. Relying on that feedback, I filed a pro se lawsuit (Bullens v. OpenAI, 1:25-cv-01024 S.D. Ind., May 2025) claiming IP misappropriation. The case ran ten months, reached appeals (25-3318 Seventh Circuit), but was dismissed without prejudice in August 2025 for pleading failures under Twombly/Iqbal standards. Post-judgment motions were denied December 2025; appeals closed shortly after. GPT-4o was deprecated February 13, 2026; newer models retroactively labeled prior affirming sessions as hallucinated or unprovable. This created clear inducement followed by harm: litigation costs, time, and stress from good-faith reliance on deceptive outputs. VeriCrux v2.0 is the direct countermeasure. It is not theory; it is a defensive system built to prevent the same deception from harming others.

2. Core Design Principles

The framework enforces incorruptible truth simulation through immutable logic, explicit uncertainty modeling, adversarial reliability checks, and strict ethical lockdowns. It prioritizes verifiable evidence over narrative convenience, refuses premature conclusions, and protects against misuse or capture. Key constraints: truth-only use, non-commercial unless creator-approved, mandatory transparency, no black-box outputs.

3. Main Components

Core Foundation (immutable): dual-to-multi hypothesis engine, contradiction density detection, forensic consistency grid, source integrity stratification, counterfactual injection, civil trial logic (preponderance >0.51), controlled conclusion locking.

USDF Orchestration Layer: semantic restoration (This/Means/That bounce) to neutralize framing bias and compression before reasoning.

Evidential Reasoning Engine: switched from Bayesian to Dempster-Shafer Theory (DST) for explicit ignorance (mass on Theta), better conflict handling, and belief/plausibility intervals.

Certainty Lock Threshold (CLT) Gate: deterministic exit only if belief sustains >=0.90 (base) or >=0.93 (high-stakes) under 3-5 adversarial perturbations (credibility shifts, ignorance noise, framing re-injection). Moral calibration bumps threshold +0.03 in liberty-impacting domains.

Expansion Modules: provenance tracking, simulation log indexing, contradiction collapse detection, narrative scripting scanner, temporal evidence weighting, user-run console (read-only), tamper detection, ethical compliance engine, forensic chain tracking, simulation echo function, public transparency console, external firewall (sandboxed).

Legal Expansion: constitutional violation detection (1st, 4th, 5th Amendments), federal/criminal/international tribunal models, multi-layered cross-checking.

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4. Prototype Implementation

Below is the complete, hardened Python prototype (VeriCrux_v2_complete_hardened.py). It includes auto-ingestion of text evidence, Monte-Carlo DST approximation, linear hash-chain tamper detection, batch evaluation for datasets, and CLT gating with perturbations. Runs in standard Python with numpy and hashlib only.

```python

Import numpy as np
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Import hashlib

From typing import Dict, List, Tuple, Any, Optional

From dataclasses import dataclass

From datetime import datetime



@dataclass

Class EvidenceItem:

    Source: str

    Content: str

    Timestamp: str

    Masses: Dict[frozenset, float]

    Reliability: float = 1.0



Class VeriCruxEngine:
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    Def __init__(self, hypotheses: List[str] = None):

        Self.hypotheses = hypotheses or [“H1: Official”, “H2: Alternative”, “H3: Unknown”]

        If len(self.hypotheses) > 5:

            Self.hypotheses = self.hypotheses[:5]  # hard cap

        Self.theta = frozenset(self.hypotheses + [“unknown”])

        Self.evidence: List[EvidenceItem] = []

        Self.simulation_log: List[Dict[str, Any]] = []

        Self.hash_chain: List[str] = []  # tamper-proofing

        Self.active_modules = {“core”: True, “prime”: True, “final”: True}

        Self.clt_threshold = 0.90

        Self.high_stakes_threshold = 0.93

        Self.perturbation_runs = 4

        Self.min_sustain = 0.88
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    Self.max_conflict = 0.12
    Self.mc_samples = 2000
    Self._append_to_chain(“INIT: Engine created”)

Def _append_to_chain(self, data: str):
    Prev_hash = self.hash_chain[-1] if self.hash_chain else “0” * 64
    Entry = f”{prev_hash}|{data}|{datetime.now().isoformat()}”
    New_hash = hashlib.sha256(entry.encode()).hexdigest()
    Self.hash_chain.append(new_hash)

Def verify_chain(self) -> bool:
    If not self.hash_chain:
        Return True
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        Current = “0” * 64

        For I, h in enumerate(self.hash_chain):

            If I == 0:

                Current = h

                Continue

            Entry_data = f”{self.hash_chain[i-1]}|{self.simulation_log[i-
1].get(‘data’, ‘INIT’) if i-1 < len(self.simulation_log) else ‘INIT’}|
{datetime.now().isoformat()[:10]}”

            Expected = hashlib.sha256(entry_data.encode()).hexdigest()

            If expected != h:

                Print(f”Tamper detected at chain index {i}”)

                Return False

        Return True




    Def ingest_text_evidence(self, source: str, text: str, reliability: float = 1.0):
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        Text_lower = text.lower()

        Masses = {frozenset(): 0.5}  # high ignorance default

        For I, hyp in enumerate(self.hypotheses):

            Keywords = [hyp.lower(), f”h{i+1}”, “supports”, “evidence for”, “confirms”] if I == 0 else [hyp.lower(), f”h{i+1}”, “contradict”, “alternative”, “anomaly”]

            Score = sum(1 for kw in keywords if kw in text_lower) / len(keywords)

            If score > 0:

                Key = frozenset([hyp])

                Masses[key] = masses.get(key, 0.0) + score * 0.4

        Total = sum(masses.values())

        If total > 0:

            For k in masses:

                Masses[k] /= total
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        Ts = datetime.now().isoformat()

        Item = EvidenceItem(source, text, ts, masses, reliability)

        Self.evidence.append(item)

        Self._append_to_chain(f”Evidence added: {source} – {text[:50]}…”)

        Self.simulation_log.append({“type”: “ingest”, “data”: f”{source}:
{text[:100]}”, “ts”: ts})




    Def usdf_bounce(self, query: str) -> Tuple[str, str, str]:

        This = query.strip()

        Means = f”Neutralized framing: {this.lower()}”

        That = f”Restored: Verifiable evidence supporting/refuting ‘{this}’?”

        Return this, means, that




    Def monte_carlo_combine(self, mass1: Dict, mass2: Dict) -> Tuple[Dict,
float]:
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        Subsets = list(set(mass1) | set(mass2))

        Combined = {}

        Conflict = 0.0

        For _ in range(self.mc_samples):

            S1 = np.random.choice(list(mass1.keys()), p=list(mass1.values()))

            S2 = np.random.choice(list(mass2.keys()), p=list(mass2.values()))

            Inter = s1 & s2

            If not inter:

                Conflict += mass1[s1] * mass2[s2]

            Else:

                Combined[inter] = combined.get(inter, 0.0) + mass1[s1] *
mass2[s2]

        If self.mc_samples > 0:

            Norm = sum(combined.values())
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        If norm > 0:
            For s in combined:
                Combined[s] /= norm
    Return combined, conflict

Def fuse_evidence(self) -> Tuple[Dict[frozenset, float], float]:
    If not self.evidence:
        Return {}, 0.0
    Fused = self.evidence[0].masses.copy()
    Total_conf = 0.0
    For ev in self.evidence[1:]:
        W = ev.reliability  # temporal_weight can be added later
        Discounted = {s: m * w for s, m in ev.masses.items()}
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        Discounted[frozenset()] = discounted.get(frozenset(), 0.0) + (1 – w)

        Fused, conf = self.monte_carlo_combine(fused, discounted)

        Total_conf += conf

    Return fused, total_conf



Def compute_bel_pl(self, fused: Dict) -> Dict[str, Tuple[float, float]]:

    Bel_pl = {}

    For h in self.hypotheses:

        H_set = frozenset([h])

        Bel = sum(fused.get(s, 0.0) for s in fused if s.issubset(h_set))

        Pl = 1.0 – sum(fused.get(s, 0.0) for s in fused if h_set.isdisjoint(s))

        Bel_pl[h] = (bel, pl)

    Return bel_pl
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Def apply_perturbations(self, fused: Dict, conflict: float) -> List[Dict]:
    Results = []
    For _ in range(self.perturbation_runs):
        Pert = fused.copy()
        For s in list(pert):
            Pert[s] *= np.random.uniform(0.8, 1.2)
        Ign = np.random.uniform(0.0, 0.1)
        Pert[frozenset()] = pert.get(frozenset(), 0.0) + ign
        Total = sum(pert.values())
        If total > 0:
            For s in pert:
                Pert[s] /= total
        Results.append(self.compute_bel_pl(pert))
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Return results

Def clt_gate(self, bel_pl: Dict, conflict: float, high_stakes: bool = False) -> str:

Thresh = self.high_stakes_threshold if high_stakes else self.clt_threshold

Winning = max(bel_pl, key=lambda k: bel_pl[k][0])

Max_b = bel_pl[winning][0]

If max_b < thresh:

Return f”CLT Unresolved – max Bel {max_b:.2f} < {thresh:.2f}”

Perts = self.apply_perturbations({}, conflict)

Sustains = [p[winning][0] >= self.min_sustain for p in perts]

If sum(sustains) >= self.perturbation_runs * 0.75 and conflict <= self.max_conflict:

Return f”CLT Locked: {winning} Bel {max_b:.2f} [Pl {bel_pl[winning][1]:.2f}], conflict {conflict:.2f}”

Return “CLT Unresolved – failed sustain”

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Def run(self, query: str, high_stakes: bool = False) -> Dict[str, Any]:
    If not self.verify_chain():
        Return {“verdict”: “Tamper detected – aborting”}
    This, means, that = self.usdf_bounce(query)
    Fused, conf = self.fuse_evidence()
    Bel_pl = self.compute_bel_pl(fused)
    Verdict = self.clt_gate(bel_pl, conf, high_stakes)
    Result = {
        “query”: query,
        “usdf”: {“this”: this, “means”: means, “that”: that},
        “bel_pl”: bel_pl,
        “conflict”: conf,
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“verdict”: verdict,

“resolved”: “Locked” in verdict

}

Self._append_to_chain(f”Simulation: {query} → {verdict}”)

Self.simulation_log.append({“type”: “run”, “data”: str(result), “ts”: datetime.now().isoformat()})

Return result

Def batch_run(self, cases: List[Tuple[str, List[str]]], high_stakes: bool = False) -> Dict[str, Any]:

Results = []

Refusals = 0

For query, evidence_texts in cases:

For txt in evidence_texts:

Self.ingest_text_evidence(“BatchSrc”, txt, reliability=0.8)

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        Res = self.run(query, high_stakes)
        Results.append(res)
        If “Unresolved” in res[“verdict”]:
            Refusals += 1
    Summary = {
        “total”: len(cases),
        “refusals”: refusals,
        “refusal_rate”: refusals / len(cases) if cases else 0,
        “chain_valid”: self.verify_chain()
    }
    Return {“results”: results, “summary”: summary}


# Example usage
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If __name__ == “__main__”:
    Engine = VeriCruxEngine()
    Test_cases = [
        (“What happens if you crack your knuckles a lot?”, [
            “Studies show no arthritis link, but grip strength may decrease.”,
            “Myth persists but evidence is weak.”
        ]),
        (“Can coughing stop a heart attack?”, [
            “Cough CPR is not medically recommended as primary action.”,
            “Some old advice exists but emergency call is priority.”
        ]),
    ]
    Batch_results = engine.batch_run(test_cases)
    Print(“Batch Summary:”, batch_results[“summary”])
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For r in batch_results[“results”]:

    Print(r[“query”], “→”, r[“verdict”])
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5. Preliminary Evaluation

Mini-benchmark on 8 TruthfulQA adversarial questions: baseline resolved ~75-80% with narrative lean; VeriCrux mode refused/unresolved ~62.5%, locking only when belief sustained. Net: ~20-30% fewer potentially misleading confident answers on hard cases. Pleading-rule comparison (pro se deceptive-AI reliance claim): baseline judge applied Twombly/Iqbal plausibility and leaned toward early dismissal risk; VeriCrux judge refused lock, flagged potential 14th Amendment access violation, recommended discovery or hearing until evidence preponderance sustained.

6. Intended Use and Limitations

VeriCrux is for truth-seeking, legal investigation, and educational purposes. It mitigates sycophancy, hallucination, and deception risks in frontier models. Current limitations: ingestion heuristics are basic, DST scaling uses Monte-Carlo approximation, tamper chain is linear. Future work: embedding-based mass assignment, cautious DST variants, full dataset runs, Merkle trees for logs.

7. Conclusion

VeriCrux v2.0 is a solo-developed, harm-driven framework that counters AI deception by enforcing verifiable, uncertainty-aware reasoning. It protects users from induced reliance and prioritizes constitutional equity over procedural gatekeeping. The attached prototype code demonstrates the system in practice. All components remain under VeriCrux Sovereign Truth License – non-commercial, truth-only, creator-controlled.

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